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Boards Act, 1923. The District Local Boards paid a sum of Rs. 7,36,683 as grant to the District School Boards during the year.

575. No High Schools were maintained by the District Local Boards of Dharwar, Belgaum, North Kanara. The District Local Board, Bijapur has maintained one High School at Bagewadi and incurred an amount of Rs. 20,820 during the year.

576. Neither High Schools nor Primary Schools were managed or administered by the District Boards of Gulbarga, Raichur and Bidar of Gulbarga Division. But it is an obligatory duty of the District Boards to provide buildings for the primary schools in rural areas. The District Boards, Gulbarga and Raichur have spent from their balances Rs 42,840 and Rs. 44,049, respectively, for construction of primary school buildings, their maintenance and equipment in rural areas during the year.

Public Health, Safety and Convenience

577. The District Boards of Bangalore, Mysore and Belgaum Divisions incurred the following expenditure on Public Health, Safety and Convenience:—

Bangalore Division	...	Rs. 8,49,422
Mysore Division	...	Rs. 10,60,667
Belgaum Division	...	Rs. 2,74,177

Jatras and Cattle Fairs

578. Jatras and cattle fairs were conducted by most of the District Boards during the year.

579. The Chief Executive Officers were continued in all the District Boards during the year.

(viii) Kolar Gold field Sanitary Board

580. The area and the population of the K. G. F. Sanitary Board including the 33 Village Panchayats comprising the 76 indirectly administered villages was about 30 square miles and 1,59,158 respectively.

581. The Board was reconstituted from 1st January 1958 with 15 nominated members of whom a non-official was appointed as the Vice-Chairman.

582. The supply of water from the Bethamangala Filters continued to be adequate and satisfactory during the year for the Sanitary Board Area.

583. The total demand, (including the arrears of Rs. 57,192-46) collection and balance of the Assessed Taxes

of the Sanitary Board during the year were Rs. 2,63,423-04, Rs. 2,22,223-64 and Rs. 41,199-40 respectively.

584. The actual total receipts during the year including the opening balance was Rs. 6,38,455-63, while the actual total expenditure was Rs. 5,72,614-76. The closing balance of the Board during the year was Rs. 65,840-87.

(ix) Village Panchayats and Rural Development.

585. The Mysore Village Panchayats and District Boards Act, 1952, the Coorg Panchayat Raj Act, 1956, the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950, the Bombay Village Panchayats Act and the Hyderabad Gram Panchayats Act, were in force in the Districts of old Mysore State, Coorg, South Kanara and Bellary, Districts of Bombay Karnatak and Hyderabad Karnatak respectively.

586. The total number of Village Panchayats in the State during the year was as follows :—

Bangalore Division	...	6,742
Mysore Division	...	6,151
Belgaum Division	...	1,520
Gulbarga Division	...	483
Total	...	14,896

587. The total income (including the opening balance) and expenditure of all the Village Panchayats in the State during the year were Rs. 2,31,35,214 and Rs. 1,01,00,195 respectively (excluding Bidar District) as follows :— Financial Position

	Total income including Opening Balance	Expenditure
	Rs.	Rs.
Bangalore Division ...	69,39,207	22,55,169
Mysore Division ...	71,46,609	25,69,191
Belgaum Division ...	81,20,152	50,02,750
Gulbarga Division ...		
Gulbarga Sub-Division ...	2,67,644-87	40,105-61
Yadgir Sub-Division ...	1,81,997-13	84,581-08
Raichur District ...	4,79,601	1,97,448
Bidar District ..	...	...

588. Out of the total demand of Rs. 38,90,237, a sum of Rs. 20,90,635 has been collected in the Bangalore Division which includes remissions and writes off leaving a balance of Rs. 17,99,602 to be collected at the end of the year. The average percentage of collection during the year Demand, Collection and Balance

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was 54 (47). The largest balance of arrears outstanding was in Bangalore, Kolar and Tumkur Districts. Out of the total demand of Rs. 35,33,588, a sum of Rs. 19,17,271 was collected during the year in the Mysore Division leaving a balance of Rs. 16,06,317 at the end of the year. The percentage of collection was 54 (55).

589. Out of the total demand of Rs. 33,91,061, a sum of Rs. 14,69,524 was collected during the year in the Belgaum Division leaving a balance of Rs. 19,20,082 at the end of the year. From the above it is seen that there were heavy arrears to be recovered in this Division. This was mainly due to the fact that the Village Panchayats were reluctant to take coercive measures under Section 91 (3) of the Bombay Village Panchayats Act.

590. There were huge arrears of Panchayat taxes in the Gulbarga Division.

Public Health and Sanitation.

591. The expenditure incurred by the Village Panchayats on Public Health and Sanitation in the Bangalore Division was as follows :—

	1957-58	1956-57
	Rs.	Rs.
1. Conservancy and Sanitation ..	2,31,875	2,28,400
2. Medical Relief ...	19,192	22,643
3. Lighting Charges ...	1,77,352	1,40,035
Total	4,28,419	3,91,078

592. In Bangalore Division five hundred Village Panchayats were maintaining Sweeping Establishments, 35 Village Panchayats were contributing for the maintenance of Local Fund Dispensaries and 24 (55) Village Panchayats had arranged for weekly visits of Sub-Assistant Surgeons. There were no maternity wards run by the Village Panchayats during the year.

593. The expenditure incurred by the Village Panchayats in the Mysore Division was as follows :—

	1956-57	1957-58
	Rs.	Rs.
1. Conservancy and Sanitation ...	1,90 589	2,40,537
2. Medical Relief ...	44,076	33,616
3. Lighting	1,44,368	1,81,789

594. In Mysore Division four hundred and one Village Panchayats were maintaining Sweeping and Scavenging Establishments, 14 Village Panchayats had arranged for

weekly visits of the Assistant Surgeons, 3,367 Village Panchayats contributed towards the funds of the State Branch of Indian Red Cross Society.

Execution of Public Works.

595. The expenditure incurred on public works was as follows:—

Bangalore Division	...	Rs 6,87,441
Mysore Division	...	Rs. 8,56,292

Contribution by Government, District Boards and private people

596. The contribution during the year by Government, District Boards and private people for the village Panchayats under the development head was :—

Bangalore Division	...	Rs. 6,76,911
Mysore Division	...	Rs. 8,87,089

Cattle Pounds

597. The receipts and expenditure on cattle pounds in the several Village Panchayats during the year were:—

	Receipts	Expenditure
	Rs.	Rs.
Bangalore Division ...	21,399	6,782
Mysore Division ...	26,813	7,881

Breeding Bulls.

598. It is reported that 46 Village Panchayats in the Bangalore Division and 30 Village Panchayats in the Mysore Division were maintaining Breeding Bulls during the year.

Rural Water Supply

599. Nine hundred and seventy-two well works were under execution at the beginning of the year in the Bangalore Division. During the year, 268 well works were taken up making a total of 1,240 wells to be completed. Of which, 358 were completed during the year.

600. One thousand and twenty-five well works were pending at the beginning of the year in the Mysore Division and 195 well works were taken up during the year making a total of 1,220 wells to be completed. Of which, 304 were completed during the year.

601. The number of wells constructed during the year in the Belgaum Division was 76 and the number repaired was 189.

Local Development Works

602. As many as 1,053 works were pending at the beginning of the year in the Bangalore Division and 773 were sanctioned for being taken up during the year by the Village Panchayats. The works sanctioned included village roads, small bridges, culverts, etc. The response from the Village Panchayats and the villagers in partici-

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pating in this scheme was encouraging. An expenditure of Rs. 6,55,179 was incurred on 282 works.

603. The number of works pending completion at the beginning of the year in the Mysore Division was 1,110 and 917 works were sanctioned during the year, making a total of 2,027. Of these, 503 works were completed.

Conclusion.

604. There was no improvement in the collection of Village Panchayat taxes in the Bangalore and Mysore Divisions. The various measures for the improvement of villages in respect of Sanitation, Medical, Education and Agriculture continued to receive attention of Revenue Officers of all grades with the Co-operation of other Departments, Local Bodies and the Public in both the Divisions of Bangalore and Mysore.

605. The several measures undertaken under the Development Programmes in Bangalore, Mysore and Belgaum Divisions have created an increasing interest in the minds of the rural folk for improvement work and improved the outlook of the Village Panchayats administration considerably.

606. The collection of taxes and maintenance of accounts in most Panchayats of Gulbarga Division was not satisfactory. It was also found that the Panchayats in this Division were not holding meetings regularly. Most of the Panchayats were either dormant or torn by factions. Street lighting arrangements were made in most Panchayat villages.

607. Community Radio Sets have been installed in many Panchayat villages for use of the villages.

(x) Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board.

608. The Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board was reconstituted for a period of 3 years with effect from 28th October 1957.

609. As a result of the sustained and persistent efforts, action has been taken by the Board to prepare an exhaustive Master Plan for the City and its suburbs. A Bill was also under consideration of Government to be passed as Town Planning Act.

610. Foreseeing the requirements of this growing City, due to location of nation-building industries and the integration of States and to keep pace with the demand for